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REMARKS

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1. On and after 14 April 1953, continuous unloadings of tank units, artillery units and infantry units have been observed at the Templin railroad station. Movements observed included:

At 4 p.m. on 15 April. Unloading of 24 T-44 tanks, 6 JS-2 tanks and 400 to 500 troops with red-bordered black epaulets.

At 8:45 p.m. on 15 April. Unloading of a mortar unit including 10 trucks and 8 mortars of 120-mm or 160-mm.

On 16 April. Numerous unloadings of AAA units, tank units and SP gun units. Between 3 p.m. and midnight, 24 T-34/85 tanks, 6 SP guns with T-34 chassis, 7 JS-3 tanks, 20 JS-2 tanks, 3 tank chassis, and troops with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets were unloaded.

On 17 April. Unloading of 14 T-34/85 tanks, 25 trucks and about 500 troops. Between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., unloading of 52 trucks including 30 trucks towing 30 two-wheel M-30 mortars with pneumatic tires.

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An additional number of about 1,000 troops with red-bordered black epaulets were unloaded from 32 boxcars.

At 3 p.m. on 18 April. Unloading of an artillery unit of 200 soldiers, 6 x 122-mm field howitzers, and 12 trucks

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Between 9:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. on 19 April. Unloading of 10 trucks, 6 canvas-covered field howitzers, and 6 JS-2 tanks. Another unloading of troops and 42 trucks started at 11 p.m.

At 4:30 a.m. on 20 April. Several trucks towing eight field howitzers stood at the railroad station ready for departure.

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At noon on 20 April, the entraining of troops was observed at the Prenzlau railroad station.

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2. The following observations were made at the Templin railroad station:

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Between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on 15 April. Unloading of T-34 tanks and billeting equipment and luggage which was hauled. A southbound troop train carrying 4 x 37-mm AA guns, 4 motorcycles, 25 trucks and 8 sedans passed through the Templin railroad station.

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Between 5 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. on 16 April. Unloading of 10 JS-3 tanks, 19 T-34 tanks and 6 trucks.

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Between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., unloading of 28 trucks. A troop train carrying 12 x 76.2-mm field guns and 23 trucks stood at the railroad station.

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In the morning of 18 April. Unloading of 2 JS-3 tanks, 6 x 37-mm AA guns towed by trucks, 12 trucks with hoisting gear, and 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

At 6:30 a.m. on 20 April. Unloading of 9 x 122-mm howitzers.

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Between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on 22 April. Unloading of 20 JS-1 tanks, 10 motorcycles, 7 armored scout cars, 3 trucks, and 50 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

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On 23 April. Arrival of a troop train carrying JSU-122 and trucks. Two armored scout cars.

A troop train carrying 16 T-34 tanks was seen entering the railroad station.

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Comment. The two reports confirm the movements of troops to the Templin troop training grounds between 15 and 24 April 1953, which were previously reported. Most of the components of the 6th Gds Mecz Div and the headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from Eberswalde were unloaded during the first half of the above period, while components of the 25th Tank Div from Prenzlau and Oranienburg, and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from Bernau were unloaded during the second half. Reports on the departure of troops from Eberswalde, Prenzlau, Oranienburg and Bernau repeatedly confirmed this assumption.

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